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### N.S. byelections held today in two districts

**POLITICS** Nova Scotians will cast ballots in two provincial byelections today after two stalwarts in the former Conservative government resigned from politics.

Votes will be held in the rural constituencies of Inverness and Antigonish.

The districts became vacant after former premier Rodney MacDonald and his former deputy, Angus MacIsaac, stepped down in September.

In Inverness, investment adviser Allan MacMaster will attempt to hold the seat for the Tories.

He will run against Liberal candidate Ian McNeil, a former journalist, and retired school principal Bert Lewis of the NDP.

Tory Darren Thompson and Liberal Miles Tompkins — both of whom are physiotherapists — will vie for the Antigonish seat against legal aid lawyer Maurice Smith, who is running for the NDP. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# College strike averted

Tentative agreement keeps 930 teachers and support staff in class, on the job



## School as usual 'relief' for students

**REACTION** A strike at Nova Scotia's community colleges could have spelled disaster for Glen Canning.

The first-year broadcasting student is only a few weeks into his program, and said he was overjoyed to hear his instructors would be in class as usual today.

"It's a huge relief," Canning said. "Mine is a two-year program, and I couldn't manage a third year. To get caught without school and without a job would have been really awful."

News of a tentative deal between the college and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union spread like wildfire across the NSCC's Waterfront Campus in Dartmouth yesterday, with staff and students checking their email accounts and phone messages between classes to confirm that a strike by their instructors and support staff had been averted.

The possibility of strike came so close that some students had already begun forming small study groups and were planning to continue reviewing material until their instructors returned to the classroom.

"There's really only so much you can do, because we're not the instructors," said second-year marketing student Katie Goodhue. "It would have really put a kink in the entire learning process right when we were getting started. It would have been really disruptive."

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Second-year Nova Scotia Community College management students Tiffany Boutilier, left, and Becky Stewart work on a computer in a common area at the Waterfront Campus in Dartmouth yesterday. A tentative deal was reached between the Nova Scotia Teachers Union and the NSCC, averting a strike which would have started today and saw 930 teachers and support staff take to the picket line.

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### Without contract

• Nova Scotia Community College teachers and support staff have been without a contract for 16 months.

**Instead of walking the picket lines, 930 Nova Scotia Community College teachers and support staff will walk into class today.**

An 11th hour deal between the NSCC and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union pulled the employees back from the brink of a provincewide strike yesterday morning, producing a collective sigh of relief among staff and students at 13 campuses across the province.

"All I can say is thank God," said a teacher at the NSCC's Waterfront Campus, who wouldn't give her

name. "I had been feeling so sick all (yesterday) morning ... and I was in the middle of a class when my students told me to check my email."

The strike set to begin today would have affected 25,000 students across the province. Union president Alexis Allen confirmed an agreement was reached late Sunday night after informal discussions over the weekend, but said no details will be revealed until the proposal has been

seen by the workers.

"Over the next two days we'll be letting the members know what's in it," she said. "It's up to them now."

When asked how she felt about the tentative deal which they're recommending, Allen said she was "OK with it," but it's up to the union membership to accept or reject the province's offer. No date has been set for the ratification vote.

Allen wouldn't confirm if

the union's wage demand — a 2.9 per cent increase this year and next — had been met. The NDP had been offering a one per cent raise in the second year, and Premier Darrell Dexter had made it clear the provincial government didn't intend to offer more cash in the dispute.

At the legislature yesterday, Dexter wasn't willing to get into details about what if any role the government played in assisting the sides.

"What we did was we made a decision that was based on the best interests of all the parties," he said. "What I can say is that we are pleased with where the file sits now."

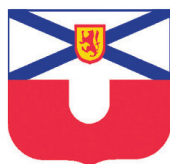
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Teachers Union**





# Local



## Guns N' Roses plan Halifax date

Guns N' Roses has announced it will be performing at the Halifax Metro Centre on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. The legendary rock band featuring frontman Axl Rose is preparing for an upcoming world tour in support of its latest album, Chinese Democracy. Tickets for the show go on sale Saturday at 9 a.m. and cost \$69.50 and \$54.50, plus service charges. Tickets can be purchased at all Ticket Atlantic locations, by phone at 451-1221 or online at ticketatlantic.com. METRO HALIFAX



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## Disbarred lawyer gets four years in prison

**SENTENCED** A disbarred Halifax lawyer was sentenced to four years in prison yesterday for stealing over \$1.3 million from the trust funds of clients from 2000 to 2005.

Srinivasen Pillay, 51, pleaded guilty last month to 33 counts of theft over \$5,000 and one count of theft under \$5,000. As part of his sentence yesterday in a Halifax courtroom, Pillay was also handed a restitution order for \$1.38 million to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, who disbarred Pillay in 2005 after finding him guilty of professional misconduct.

The Society compensated those for their losses, and to help pay for the bill, imposed a one-time levee of \$750 for each lawyer in Nova Scotia.

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What's online today.

**Video** Sole survivor of Cougar 491 crash to testify at chopper safety inquiry in N.L., at metronews.ca/canada

**Video** Provinces, territories receive first shipments of H1N1 vaccine, says Aglukkaq, at metronews.ca/canada



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## Mayor outlines plan for new library

Up to \$55 million in funding intended for state-of-the-art municipal facility

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Metro Halifax

**Construction of a new central library in downtown Halifax should begin within a year, Halifax Regional Municipality Mayor Peter Kelly announced yesterday.**

Kelly said the municipality still needs about 10 months to approve a final design and review tenders for the facility, but shovels should be in the ground by the summer of 2010.

The mayor made the comments at a news conference held yesterday morning to unveil a formal funding plan for the new library, to be built at the corner of Queen Street and Spring Garden Road.



Mayor Peter Kelly, Defence Minister Peter MacKay, provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Bill Estabrooks, Premier Darrell Dexter and federal Infrastructure Minister John Baird were all smiles yesterday following a funding announcement for the planned Halifax Central Library, which is slated to replace the Memorial Public Library on Spring Garden Road.

Representatives from all three levels of government including Kelly, Nova Sco-

tia Premier Darrell Dexter and federal Transport and Infrastructure Minister

John Baird were on hand to announce their intention to spend up to \$55

### Infrastructure

• Defence Minister Peter MacKay was also on hand yesterday to announce funding for infrastructure improvements throughout Nova Scotia, including \$31.6 million for road improvements and repairs and \$5.5 million for wastewater projects in Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

million on the state-of-the-art facility.

"This kind of project takes co-operation, and now that we have that from the province and the federal government, we can move forward," Kelly said.

"This is a great day for this municipality."

## Sergeant confirms doc's orders off limits

**TASERING** A Halifax Regional Police staff sergeant confirmed yesterday he knew his officers didn't have the jurisdiction to follow the orders of a doctor who was trying to arrange a psychiatric assessment for a mentally ill man who later died in custody.

Staff Sgt. Don Fox was testifying at the inquiry into the death of Howard Hyde, a 45-year-old musician and diagnosed schizophrenic who died 30 hours after he was repeatedly Tasered inside the Halifax police station during a violent struggle with several officers.

Fox confirmed he told the officer guarding Hyde at the hospital the mentally ill man would likely get a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation once he was brought before a judge.

He said the officer later

confirmed a doctor had medically released Hyde to appear in court, but the physician included a key condition on the health information transfer form.

A handwritten note from Dr. Janet MacIntyre said police had to return Hyde to the hospital if the judge did not order a forensic psychiatric assessment. However, Fox conceded he knew police did not have the jurisdiction under the Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act to carry out MacIntyre's orders to return Hyde to the hospital.

Fox testified even though his officers did not have such jurisdiction, he suggested they could have informally persuaded him to follow the doctor's orders.

But that never happened. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Howard Hyde

### News in brief

**DEATH** Indian Brook RCMP are investigating what they're calling the "sudden death of an Indian Brook man." The body of the 45-year-old was found dead at a residence after police say they received at 911 call at

8:22 a.m. No other information was given in a release issued yesterday, other than that the matter is being investigated by North East Nova Major Crime Unit and RCMP.

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Halifax Regional Police say a man suffered a broken leg after being struck by a taxi in a crosswalk on Spring Garden Road and Brunswick Street on Sunday night. The driver of the taxi has been issued a ticket for failing to give right of way. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Atlantic Canada faces shortage of workers: Report

**DEMOGRAPHICS** Atlantic Canada will soon be facing a "demographic drought," according to a report released by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business yesterday.

The report, which surveyed 1,500 small business owners in Atlantic Canada, identifies out-migration of youth, an aging population, and fewer

labour force entrants as the principle factors in Atlantic Canada's growing labour shortage.

The CFIB's report recommends a combination of approaches to address the demographic challenges.

These include reducing the provincial tax burden on Atlantic Canadians, setting ambitious targets to increase productivity, and matching the immigration system with the region's labour needs.

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## New protected area eyed

### Land on Chebucto Peninsula may be set aside by province

**ALEX BOUTILIER**  
for Metro Halifax



**Nature lovers will not have to wander far from the city to experience pristine protected wilderness, according to an announcement from Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau yesterday.**

The minister said that 20,000 acres of Crown land on the Chebucto Peninsula south of Hubley is being considered as Nova Scotia's newest protected area under the Wilderness Areas Protection Act. If approved, the land will be known as the Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area.

Belliveau made the announcement at an event celebrating last month's designation of the Ship Harbour Long Lake Wilderness Area, a newly protected area on the Eastern Shore. Belliveau said the plan to protect Five Bridge Lakes had been in works for some time.

"The work has been on-



A 20,000-acre area located south of Hubley is being considered as Nova Scotia's newest protected area. It would be known as the Five Bridge Lakes Wilderness Area.

going, and that's why I acknowledged the former minister of the environment (David Morse)," Belliveau said. Morse was in attendance at the celebration, as was his predecessor, Mark Parent.

"This is a lot of work that's been going on for a number of years, and peo-

ple have put their concerns forward, and here we are today," Belliveau said.

Public consultations with interested parties will be held to determine the area's boundaries before it can become legally protected. Belliveau said the timeframe depends on

those discussions.

"I think that's going to be up to the individual stakeholders," he said. "I encourage all stakeholders to make their views known ... Ship Harbour Long Lake is a classic example of how people work together (for) the common good."

## Centre will help deal with H1N1

**INFECTION** Health Minister Maureen MacDonald says a new Infection

Prevention and Control Centre will be a "valuable service" for the province, especially when it comes to dealing with H1N1.

The centre from the Department of Health is expected to provide provincewide standards and oversight, including support to health-care workers to make sure the right infection prevention and control practices are used.

A government release says the centre will support a network of about 30 infection control practitioners, from district health authorities to long-term care facilities, as well as health-service provider organizations.

"With the influenza pandemic, it has become more crucial to put all of the appropriate measures in place to limit the spread of infection," MacDonald says in the release.

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## Province renewing commitment to Gateway Secretariat

The province announced yesterday it has renewed its commitment for the creation of a new Gateway Secretariat and a Nova Scotia Gateway Advisory Council with the Atlantic Gateway. The recruitment process is underway for the chief executive officer of the Gateway Secretariat, a government release said. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Solidarity on the streets

As March Against Violence nears, police still hope to solve murder

ALEX BOUTILLIER  
for Metro Halifax

Dartmouth residents will take to the streets tomorrow night for the ninth annual March Against Violence to show solidarity against crime and violence in their neighbourhoods.

Nancy Hollis, executive director of the Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club, said the march "is an opportunity for the community to take back the streets and show the true spirit of Dartmouth North."

The march was originally held to commemorate the life of Jason MacCullough, a young Dartmouth resident who was murdered on the path between Joseph Young Avenue and Pinecrest Drive on Aug. 28, 1999.

MacCullough was very active with the Boys and Girls Club in Dartmouth. His homicide remains unsolved.

Darren Cossar was the executive director of the club at the time of MacCul-



Jalissa Talbot, left, and Tashana Beals carry a sign saying Love 1 Another at the sixth annual March Against Violence in memory of Jason MacCullough in this file photo from 2005. This year's march will take place tomorrow night.

lough's murder. He said the march was conceived of by youth who knew MacCul-

lough both as a way to deal with the tragedy as well as to show the strength of

## March kickoff

- The March Against Violence begins at the Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club on Farrell Road tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.



Jason MacCullough

their community.

Halifax Regional Police Supt. Mike Burns said police are still hopeful someone will step forward with information about the murder.

"As with any homicide investigation, witness information and co-operation is the key element in solving the crime," he said.

"We're going to continue to pursue ... We don't want this to slip into the shadows ... (We want) to make what was wrong right," he added. "Make it right for the community, make it right for the family and make it right for Jason."

## Volunteer search groups seek insurance help from province

**LIABILITY** Nova Scotia's volunteer search-and-rescue groups say they may be forced to withdraw emergency services if they can't get better insurance protection.

The Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue Association said in a release yesterday that volunteer searchers need good liability insurance to protect themselves, and they're asking the provincial government for assistance.

At an association meeting on Sunday, directors of 24 provincial teams voted to give notice they will withhold services if their concerns aren't resolved by the province in two weeks.

Tony Rodgers, a spokesman for the provincial association, said the searchers did not make the decision lightly as they realize that the work they do

could save lives.

However, he said the search teams are worried they could be personally liable if they fail to locate a missing person.

"There's always that opportunity for somebody to say that we mishandled a search and to try to sue us," he said. "We don't have any protection for that."

He said liability insurance could cost as little as \$30,000, though he wasn't certain of the precise cost.

"It's a drop in the bucket from government, as far as we're concerned," he said.

Ramona Jennex, the minister responsible for the Emergency Management Office, said she believes the government can address the groups' concerns.

"Definitely we'll be having a discussion and staff will be providing options," she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## News in brief

**CRIME** Halifax Regional Police are investigating a cash robbery where they claim a gun was shown by the suspect at the Needs convenience store on St. Margaret's Bay Road Sunday night. Police describe the

suspect as a six-foot black man in his early 30s. He is said to have a close-cut goatee and was wearing a beige hoodie, black jogging pants, multi-coloured sneakers and a white T-shirt. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Canada



## Landry backs college en français

Former Quebec premier Bernard Landry has joined a campaign aimed at extending the province's language law to get more students attending junior college in French. Landry and a coalition of hardline nationalists want to reduce the number of students who go to English post-secondary institutions.

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## Jail bill could cost millions

Parliamentarians are in the final stages of passing a prison-sentence bill without fully knowing the price tag or the repercussions on prisons — despite a cost estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars.

Bill C-25 would put an end to the common practice of giving criminals a two-for-one credit for time served in jail before being sentenced. Instead, judges would give them a straight one-for-one credit.

But MPs and senators have not been able to figure out how much it will cost to implement, or gauge the impact on the prison population. Officials say they can't release cost numbers because of cabinet confidentiality. Data from Statistics Canada, however, point

**"The cost of obviously allowing murderers or rapists out on the street early ... is far too great."**

Peter Van Loan, MP

to at least a 10 per cent increase in federal prison population, and costs of over \$100 million a year — a cost the Tories say is worth it.

"The cost of obviously allowing murderers or rapists out on the street early, to re-offend, is something that is far too great to have that happen (than) trying to save a few bucks here and there," Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan said.

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## MP on new doorknobs: 'Harper calls this stimulus?'

**POLITICS** The Harper government is plastering signs promoting its economic action plan on federal buildings that are receiving what Liberals say is routine maintenance.

Liberal MP Wayne Easter says a huge "propaganda" sign has been posted on an RCMP building in Charlotetown, where "internal door hardware" — otherwise known as door knobs — are being installed.

"Do you think this is stimulus, putting a door knob in an RCMP building in this country? (Prime Minister) Stephen Harper

calls this stimulus?" Easter said yesterday in Ottawa, holding a door knob for emphasis.

Liberals contend the Conservatives are using taxpayer-funded stimulus programs to promote their partisan interests. They've filed complaints with Parliament's ethics commissioner against 55 Tory MPs who have used the Conservative logo while announcing government funding, and have accused the government of ensuring that infrastructure funding disproportionately helps Tory ridings.

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Liberal MP Wayne Easter holds up a door knob during a news conference in Ottawa yesterday to discuss what the party says is a Conservative effort to politicize government announcements.

SEAN KIRKPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### News in brief

**MEDALS** Every Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan will be recognized with a Sacrifice Medal under newly revised criteria released today by Defence Minister Peter MacKay. When first announced last

year, the award recognized only soldiers killed or wounded by hostile fire. An outcry from veterans groups and families of soldiers forced the Defence Department to reconsider the eligibility rules.

**FLU** Almost two of every three Canadians are foregoing handshakes and hugs because of H1N1 flu. A poll suggests 60 per cent of those surveyed declined to touch others for fear of the virus. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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At least one pig in the U.S. has tested positive for the H1N1 virus, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said yesterday, the country's first case of a pig contracting the virus. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# World

## Electoral Complaints Commission



Chairman of the UN-backed Electoral Complaints Commission Grant Kippen speaks in Kabul yesterday.

# Fraud confirmed

Uncertainty clouds possible Afghan runoff election

**Hundreds of thousands of votes cast in Afghanistan's presidential election will be thrown out of the final count after a Canadian-run United Nations panel confirmed yesterday the August contest was marred by widespread fraud.**

The Electoral Complaints Commission, which is headed by Ottawa's Grant Kippen, submitted a report that sources say pushes incumbent Hamid Karzai's share of the vote below the 50 per cent threshold needed to prevent a runoff.

"We found a significant amount of fraud in the sample we looked at," Kippen said. It's up to the Independent Election Commission,

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however — a body over which Karzai wields influence — to decide whether or not to order a second round of balloting between the incumbent and his challenger, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah.

Speculation has been rampant that Karzai may not accept the ECC's conclusions. However, U.S. Secre-

tary of State Hillary Clinton said the suspense would end today.

"(Karzai) is going to announce his intentions," Clinton said. "I am going to let him do that, but I am encouraged at the direction the situation is moving."

Clinton declined to say whether the Afghan president has decided to accept the ECC's recommendation and agree to a runoff.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper also spoke yesterday with Karzai and urged him to "maintain an unqualified commitment to the constitutional democratic process in Afghanistan," spokesman Dmitri Soudas said in an email. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## News in brief

**SUDAN** President Barack Obama said yesterday that the U.S. will shift its policy toward Sudan to one based on working with their government instead of isolating it. Still, he said he will renew tough sanctions against them later this week. UN officials say war in Sudan has claimed at least 300,000 lives from violence, disease and displacement.

**IRAN** A first day of talks to get Iran to send most of its enriched uranium abroad ended inconclusively, with Tehran remaining uncommitted, diplomats said. Diplomats familiar with the discussions suggested little was accomplished outside of both sides outlining their positions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## No charges yet in balloon case

**BALLOON** Authorities investigating the Colorado family accused of perpetrating a hoax over their son's feared disappearance in a balloon to promote a reality show said yesterday they don't expect to bring possible charges until at least next week.

It will then be up to prosecutors to decide whether to file charges against Richard Heene or his wife, Mayumi.

The couple's lawyer, David Lane, has stressed the Heenes are willing to turn themselves in to avoid the spectacle of a public arrest.

Investigators say they want to question an associate of Richard Heene after emails surfaced showing the two discussed a balloon hoax months ago for pub-

## Next week?

• Larimer County sheriff's spokeswoman Eloise Campanella said that investigators don't anticipate finishing their reports and presenting them to the district attorney's office until next week.

licity for the reality show. Robert Thomas of Denver claimed Heene had told him he was planning a media stunt to promote a proposed reality show.

Thomas sold his story to blog Gawker.com and provided the website with email exchanges between him and Heene. Thomas said the show would feature Heene as a mad scientist who carries out various scientific experiments. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Comment

# Abuse of power may haunt Harper

## NationalReport

**Lawrence Martin**

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In covering the Liberals a decade ago, I kept a file entitled "abuse of power." Over the years it grew in size. In it were reports of opposition Conservatives lambasting the Grits every step of the way — and promising a new way.

Today I keep an abuse of power file on the Conservatives. It doesn't have the

same heft as the Liberal one, but it is growing rapidly, making unimaginable gains. Unimaginable because these same Tories watched the Grits fall from power largely because of corruption-related activities and promised the cleanup.

The cleanup? Let us behold this last month for example.

There's the revelation of Conservatives putting their names or party logos on stimulus funding cheques — cheques from taxpayer money, not their own.

There's the revelation they engaged in blatant favouritism by directing the great bulk of stimulus

funding to their own ridings. Example: Peter MacKay's Nova Scotia Conservative riding got \$87 million in stimulus grants, more than all five Liberal ridings in the province combined.

There's the revelation that in making a recent economic update the Tories spent more

\$100,000 to turn it into a campaign-style rally for the party.

The disclosures are not entirely surprising. The Conservatives began to abuse power before they even came to power. It was discovered that during the 2006 campaign — while Stephen Harper was pledging a new era of accountability — his political machine was operating a sly

in-and-out scheme that camouflaged expenditures so as to allow his party to spend more than entitled under election regulations.

Many examples of abuse of power followed. But the Conservatives didn't suffer much. They could always point to the Liberal record. That's what Transport Minister John Baird did in the Commons yesterday — You guys did it, so it's all right for us to do it.

Charming.

If the Harper machine didn't have anything to hide, it wouldn't hide it. But reporters trying to get detailed information here are being stonewalled.

Back in Jean Chrétien's

day, there was a similar stimulus spending controversy over a program called Transitional Job Funds. It led to Jason Kenney calling Chrétien "the king of pork."

History stunningly repeats itself. It isn't as bad in that the Harper machine has nothing as serious as a sponsorship scandal on its hands. But it's just as bad, if not worse, in that this is the prime minister who promised a new way.

He may well be haunted for hypocritically giving us the old.

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## Views

# CanWest provides an important lesson

## InBusiness

**Charles Davies**

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CanWest Global Communications will suffer yet another financial humiliation Nov. 13. That's the day the company's shares, each of which currently trades for less than the cost of a handful of Skittles, will be delisted on the Toronto Stock Exchange. CanWest was once a champion of media convergence. Today, it is a distressed company that is an example of enforced divergence, thanks to economic

circumstances and hard-nosed creditors.

CanWest's disintegration has been predictable for some time. When you pile on about \$4 billion in debt and rely on cyclical businesses like broadcasting or newspapers, whose fundamental business models are being reshaped by rapidly changing technology, you're very likely to run out of cash.

But while the company's descent into bankruptcy protection is an extreme case study in overambitious growth by acquisition, it should serve as a warning to the many companies that have increasingly relied on mergers and acquisitions to fuel growth rather than building from the inside out.

Particularly in the past decade, Canadian companies have been gobbling up competitors at home and abroad. The pressure to do so is obvious: If you don't indulge in the consolidation binge, your rivals surely will, and they will digest you in the process.

This voracious survival imperative has to be balanced against the risks of acquisitiveness. The company you want to buy may not want to be bought, and the ensuing fight may well make an eventual deal far more costly than originally intended. The acquired company may have a vastly different culture and operating processes, making integration difficult.

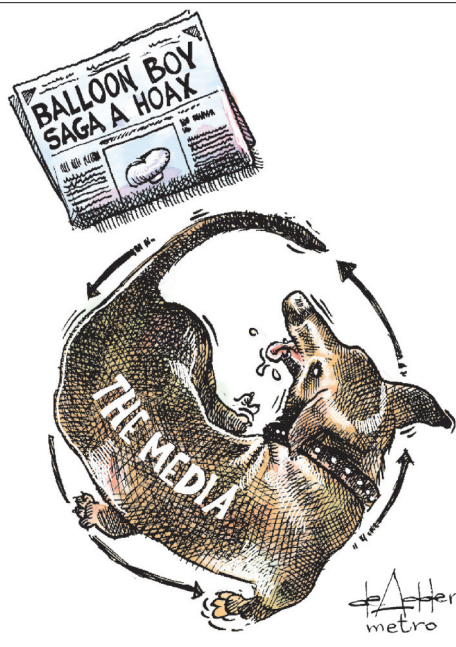
And the way an acquisition is financed is pivotal.

If it can be done readily from operating cash, fine, but if the balance sheet sinks under added debt, that's another matter.

Despite the risks, Canadian companies have healthy appetites. In the five years ended in 2008, they consummated 6,684 deals worth \$587.6 billion, according to figures compiled by investment banker Crosbie & Co. In most years, close to half the value of acquisitions consist of Canadian companies either buying foreign-owned firms here or abroad, usually in the U.S.

Who says we're not risk takers?

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## Compromise in sight on securities regulator?

Provinces may sign on if court sides with feds: Ex-minister

Ottawa may be able to reach a compromise agreement on a national securities regulator once the Supreme Court of Canada rules on a judicial reference by the federal government, a former Quebec intergovernmental affairs minister says.

Benoit Pelletier, now a University of Ottawa law professor, said yesterday the federal government made a strategically wise move in deciding to ask the country's highest court to rule on the plan before creating the regulator.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson announced late Friday that the government will seek an opinion from the court on the constitutionality of the proposed Canadian securities legislation that is expected to be ready by next spring.

Pelletier said yesterday he expects the Quebec government will either

### Opposition

Quebec and Alberta, home to two of Canada's biggest securities industries, have opposed the creation of a national regulator. Ontario has called for a national regulator even before Finance Minister Jim Flaherty began pushing for the idea while British Columbia has come on board more recently.

withdraw its own reference to the Quebec Court of Appeal or that court, which is the highest in the province, will refuse to hear the case.

While the federal plan doesn't force provinces on board, a Supreme Court decision in Ottawa's favour would pressure them to eventually join, Pelletier added.

Canada's securities industry, which trades in

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stocks, bonds and other financial instruments, has been historically regulated at the provincial level.

Critics of the current system says it's overly complex, inefficient and a barrier to foreign investment in Canada while supporters say the 13 provincial and territorial regulators are responsive to regional needs and working on becoming more co-ordinated among themselves without federal involvement.

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### Business in brief

**JOBLESS** Even with an economic revival, many U.S. jobs lost during the recession may be gone forever and a weak em-

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### Union, Vale Inco face off over strike

**WORKERS** The United Steelworkers union says miner Vale Inco has undercut the union's capacity to enforce a strike by forcing some non-striking members to do the work of picketing employees in Sudbury, Ont.

Steelworkers lawyer Rob

Healy told the Ontario Labour Relations Board that Vale Inco's actions have had a "chilling effect" on the strike, by forcing members of Local 2020 representing office workers to do the work of mill workers and miners.

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## Fed chief urges U.S. to reel in deficits

**WASHINGTON** U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke yesterday called for the United States to whittle down its record-high budget deficits and for countries like China to get their consumers to spend more, moves that would help combat skewed global trade and investment flows that contributed to the financial crisis.

Bernanke's remarks to a Fed conference in Santa Barbara, Calif., comes just days after the federal government on Friday reported a \$1.42-trillion US deficit for 2009 budget year that ended Sept. 30. The previous year's deficit was \$459 billion.

The Fed chief's comments were aimed at reducing global imbalances, and echo pledges made by leaders of the Group of 20 nations at their summit last month in Pittsburgh.

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# Small Business

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## Family, friends can be investors

JON TATTRE  
for Metro Canada

After you've emptied out your piggy bank, turn to the "three Fs" to fund your start-up business, says Darrell Zahorsky, small business expert for About.com.

The Fs are "friends, family and fools," he says in an email interview. "Tap those close to you who know your track record and believe in you. Be serious about the business and they will seriously consider investing."

Building a base of solid investors is critical. "Be fully invested in your business, emotionally and financially," advises Zahorsky. "Investors want someone who is committed to the business in good times and bad. More importantly, they want to see



Building a solid business plan is key when you're looking for investors.

that you have invested fully in your business. Why should they put their money at risk if you're not willing to do the same?"

Once you're up and running, be smart with how you spend your hard-earned (or hard-borrowed) money.

"The current recession

has taught small business the harsh realities of tight money management," he says. "It's all about making your money work for you."

Flashy magazine or TV ads might make you feel great, but may not bring in as much money as the less glamorous process of networking and getting your

friends to spread the word, Zahorsky says.

Shawn Cunningham, the manager of financing programs at the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Education and Development in Halifax, sees hundreds of fledgling businesses every year. The first step is a solid business plan, he says. You

need that to give your company a map to follow and to convince others that you'll get to your destination if they invest.

CEED works with the Canadian Youth Business Foundation Program, Canada Small Business Financing Program, credit unions and the Atlantic Canadian Opportunities Agency. If you play your cards right, you can get \$50,000 to start your enterprise.

Cunningham says it's critical to establish a "buffer of working capital" so that if costs run over or revenue is under, the business doesn't run out of financial fuel, seize up and die.

"It's easier to get that upfront then after you get into the business for several months and start running out of cash and you're in scramble mode," he says.

## 'No bad time' to start a firm

ANDREA WOO  
for Metro Canada

A number of government initiatives launched this year could be helping small businesses not only survive, but thrive, in the face of an economic downturn.

Julie King is the publisher and managing editor of [canadaone.com](http://canadaone.com), an Ontario-based website that focuses on growing and starting Canadian businesses. She says that as unemployment rates in Canada were rising, so too were the number of people starting their own businesses.

"There's definitely been an upswing," she said.

Katherine Roos, small business manager for the City of Toronto, agrees.

"Absolutely we see the relationship between the recession, unemployment and business creation," she said. "When there's an economic downturn, there are more people starting businesses to make employment opportunities for themselves."

According to Industry Canada statistics, there were 2.6 million self-employed workers in Canada last year, representing around 15 per cent of all employed workers in the country. The number reached an all-time high of 2.66 million in the fourth quarter of 2008 and decreased slightly to 2.63 million in the first quarter of 2009.

A report by BMO Capital Market Economics released this month states that self-employment "has risen sharply during the financial crisis and ensuing recession, but it also reflects the growing number of retirees who shift to self-employment."

"There's actually no bad time, ever, to start a business," said Roos, noting that Disney and Hewlett Packard both started during recessions. "There are always going to be opportunities. What I do say to entrepreneurs, though, is this is a more important time than ever to have a good business plan."

Cerina Wheatland, business adviser at Small Business B.C., emphasizes the importance of researching the market, choosing a good location and having enough capital at startup.

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## Investing

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## Benefit of loonie's rise

Alison On Money

Alison Griffiths

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Seven years ago the loonie had sunk to 62 cents against the greenback. U.S. holidays, cross-border shopping and online purchases evaporated like a drop of water under a hot sun.

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clared, would the loonie be at par, or even close to it, with the greenback. We were all reconciled to a 75 or 80 cent Canuck buck — which the economists called "fair value."

Then came not only par but beyond in late November 2007, as the loonie soared to over \$1.08 before falling back down to 80 cents. Now, here we are, back in the high 90s. Par is starting to look attainable again.

In the seven years since our currency went from vincible to invincible, lots of people have wondered how to take advantage of the swings. One of the easiest ways is to open a US dollar account.

If you travel to the U.S.

frequently, expect to take trips south of the border in the future or are planning a visit to countries like Mexico where the greenback reigns, then it makes sense to convert some loonies now.

Yes, we may rise above par but predicting currency peaks and valleys is something not even the foreign exchange traders do with much success. By purchasing U.S. dollars now you are creating your own mini-hedging strategy, protecting yourself against precipitous drops in the Canadian dollar.

Even if you don't expect to leave Canada, it is still a great time to start a small,

Alison's Money Rule:

- You can't predict currency swings but you can benefit from the loonie-greenback roller coaster, regardless of which direction it goes.

U.S. dollar nest egg for on-line purchases, for example. Another reason to do so is if you have dependent children who may cross the border for shopping, sporting events, holidays or education.

Before you open a U.S. dollar account check the fees. Some banks waive maintenance fees and give you a couple of transactions free each month with a minimum balance of from \$200 to \$1,000.

Playing the currency game is a high wire act but when the loonie is strong it's an excellent time to put grab some greenbacks for future needs.

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**Drakkar add blue-liner**

The Baie-Comeau Drakkar, whom the last-place Halifax Mooseheads are chasing in the QMJHL standings, acquired fourth-year blue-liner Maxime Renaud from the Bathurst Titan yesterday. Renaud, 20, had 31 points in 66 games last season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



## Allen gets national tryout

Halifax's Molly Allen, left, has been invited to try out for the Canadian women's under-20 soccer team starting Sunday in El Paso, Tex. Allen, a defender with NCAA Division I Virginia Commonwealth, has been sidelined with a sprained ankle but is expected to attend the camp. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Rainmen seeking talent

Team holding open tryout this Sunday to help fill out roster

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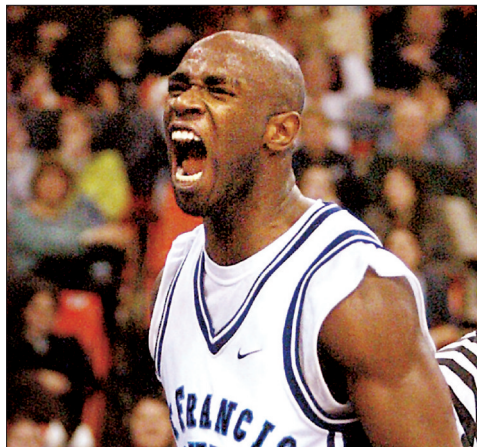


**The Halifax Rainmen are willing to give a serious look to anybody who's serious about playing for them.**

The Rainmen are holding an open tryout on Sunday at Citadel High School as they look to round out their 12-man roster for the 2010 Premier Basketball League season.

Last year, the Rainmen took long looks at local talents such as Mark Ross, Demar Parsons, Tremel Beals and Nathan Clarke, but ultimately opted against signing any of them.

"We had guys last year we were interested in signing but they didn't take the opportunity seriously so we didn't," Rainmen owner Andre Levingston said. "This is not some 'gimme' job to get paid to play basketball. I'm not going to give somebody money just because they're from Halifax. We're looking for guys who are committed to improving as basketball players."



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Former St. Francis Xavier X-Men star Garry Gallimore has been invited to try out for the Halifax Rainmen on Sunday.

With the season two and a half months away, there aren't many spots up for grabs. The Rainmen have signed seven players, with two more — returnees Eric Crookshank and John Strickland — likely being announced this week.

That should leave three roster spots up for grabs, although Levingston said he

intends to bring as many as 15 players to training camp starting Dec. 1 in Yarmouth.

Levingston has extended open-tryout invitations to Toronto's Jevohn Shepherd, who just wrapped up a four-year NCAA Division I career as a depth player with the Michigan Wolverines, and Garry Gallimore, a former St. Francis Xavier

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X-Men standout and national developmental team member.

"Those are guys we've shown interest in," he said, "but you never really know who's going to show up."

The Rainmen have had two local players — Halifax's Dennie Oliver and North Preston's Derico Wigginton — in their two-year history. Both played in the team's inaugural campaign in the American Basketball Association in 2007-08.

Rainmen newcomers Jason McLeish and Desmond Ferguson, along with returnees Strickland, Crookshank and Tony Bennett, will be in town this weekend. They'll be doing promotional photo shoots and attending Sunday's tryout.

# Mooseheads set to make some cuts

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The Halifax Mooseheads have an overcrowded roster and Cam Russell plans to do something about it.

The head coach and general manager could clear at least two spots as early as this morning because the team is carrying 26 players, not including call-up Jamie Bishop.

Forward Lester Brown, an 18-year-old free agent who has appeared in one game, and Matthew Stoddard, a 19-year-old forward from Porters Lake who has sat out half of the team's games, are among those on the bubble.

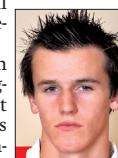
The team is also carrying

nine defencemen, but jobs may be spared there until next month, when rookie standout Konrad Abeltshauser should be recovered from a broken wrist.

"We're carrying a lot of guys on our roster and we're gonna have to trim our roster down," Russell said.

The last-place Mooseheads have a 1-13-1 record. They visit the Bathurst Titan on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and host the

Saint John Sea Dogs on Saturday at 7 p.m. on "Pink in the Rink" night to raise funds for breast cancer research.



**Matthew Stoddard**

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Former Renault team principal Flavio Briatore will have a Nov. 24 hearing in an effort to overturn his Formula One ban. Briatore was indefinitely barred from arranging for driver Nelson Piquet Jr. to deliberately crash at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix to help teammate Fernando Alonso win the race. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Pens keep on winning

## No sign of post-Cup slump

**There's been no post-Stanley Cup slump yet for the champion Pittsburgh Penguins.**

More like a Stanley Cup surge.

They are 7-1 with no losses yet in five road games. Marc-Andre Fleury leads all goaltenders with a 7-0 record. The Penguins also are getting the complementary scoring they've often lacked, and that's making up for slower-than-usual starts by captain Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

There was considerable talk before the season began about a possible let-down by a team that has played in two successive finals and won the Stanley Cup in June. Instead, the rest of the NHL might need to worry more about the Penguins not letting up.

Since coach Dan Bylsma took over in mid-February, the Penguins are 25-4-4 during the regular season.

"(I'm) pleased with the

record and I think the guys are pleased with the record, but I think to a man we really haven't been at our best yet and haven't put together our game like we think we can or expect we will," Bylsma said yesterday.

"There are areas we know we have to improve on if we want to be a good team. We have a long way to go."

It's a long way to March, and the Penguins were reminded last season that a good start doesn't guarantee a season will go smoothly. A year ago, they were 11-4-2 after 17 games but, by mid-February, were playing so miserably with a 27-25-5 record that former coach Michel Therrien was fired and Bylsma took over.

"It's not something where you ever really get caught looking ahead to March. You can't afford to and I don't think anybody does," Crosby said.

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Los Angeles Angel Vladimir Guerrero reacts as he runs home after hitting a two-run home run during the sixth inning of Game 3 of the American League championship series yesterday.

## Angels narrow deficit in ALCS

**N.Y. leads series 2-1**

**Yankees 4 Angels 5 (11 ings)**



Jeff Mathis hit a two-out double in the 11th inning to drive home the winning run and the Los Angeles Angels survived a second straight thriller, beating the Yankees 5-4 yesterday

and trimming New York's lead in the American League championship series to 2-1.

In a game full of missed chances for both sides, the Angels eventually rallied to hand the Yankees their first loss of this post-season.

Howie Kendrick homered, tripled and then singled with two outs in the 11th. Mathis followed with his drive up against the left-field wall, and

Kendrick slid home well ahead of a desperate throw.

Game 4 goes tonight, with CC Sabathia pitching on three days' rest against Angels newcomer Scott Kazmir. Game 5 in the best-of-seven series is Thursday.

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For a recap of last night's NLCS game between the Dodgers and Phillies, visit: [metronews.ca/sports](http://metronews.ca/sports)

### Sports in brief

**TRACK** The world's fastest man has received one of his Caribbean homeland's highest honours. Usain Bolt received the Order of Jamaica award during yesterday's heritage celebrations in Kingston. At 23, Bolt is the youngest person to receive the honour.

**NBA** Cleveland Cavaliers superstar LeBron James tells a newspaper that a cancer scare earlier this year was "nerv-racking" and had him on edge for a few days. James had to wait for biopsy results in January after doctors at the Cleveland Clinic found a growth in the right side of his jaw that turned out to be benign.

**NHL** Boston Bruins forward Milan Lucic is recovering from surgery to repair his broken right index finger. The operation on the 21-year-old Lucic took place at Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday, two days after he was hurt against the Dallas Stars. He was placed on injured reserve.

**SOCCER** Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was charged yesterday with improper conduct after questioning a referee's fitness. Ferguson could now face a fine or a touchline ban after the Football Association ignored the fact that he issued a public apology. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Historical roots

An American naval air station was constructed at Eastern Passage during World War I to patrol against German submarines. It was taken over by the Royal Canadian Air Force in the 1920s and became a large air base during World War II. [WIKIPEDIA.ORG](#)

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## Your Neighbourhood:

# Eastern Passage

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## Canada's Ocean Playground

JON TATTIRIE  
for Metro Halifax

**Eastern Passage's remote appeal is becoming more appealing, drawing more residents. Balancing growth while maintaining the essence of the area is the critical challenge for the future, says area councillor Jackie Barkhouse.**

"Eastern Passage is becoming well-known as a destination. With a rugged, natural beauty, it is very unique in a community so close to the city centre, yet removed in many ways due to geographic location and nearby amenities," she says.

"Although there are residents who ask about facilities like a rec centre, library etc., it is evident that one of the attractions of living in a community such as ours is that it is slower-paced, it is removed, and it offers something quite different for residents."

The beaches, surf spots, waterfront boardwalk,



Eastern Passage has a rugged, natural beauty and is a unique, says councillor Jackie Barkhouse.

Fishermen's Cove, along with walking and biking trails in the area as well as on McNab's Island, act as open-air recreation centres for most of the population, she says.

"One of the issues often brought up by residents, and that I have taken

heart in hand, is a desire to provide coastline access to residents from near and far," she says.

"We are known as Canada's Ocean Playground, yet more and more communities lose access. It is a loss and very shortsighted for us to allow this to contin-

ue. In my opinion, it is an investment that will outlast any building and parking lot."

There are plans in the works for community infrastructure projects such as more trails on McNab's Island and developing Fishermen's Cove, particularly

**"We are known as Canada's Ocean Playground, yet more and more communities lose access."**

Jackie Barkhouse

via improving Government Wharf Road. Long-term plans like a recreation centre or a library remain for a distant day, Barkhouse says.

"We are now in the HRM Facilities Masterplan, and that is a great accomplishment, because it does put us in the queue and you need to be there in order to proceed. I am also working with the library board to have those needs in our community recognized, in the hope that we also get on that shortlist," she says.

Barkhouse also hints at an "exciting project" in the works for Cow Bay, but she isn't ready to discuss it yet. "It will be a 'great' story very soon!" she told Metro.

### Seaside FM volunteer-run

JON TATTIRIE  
for Metro Halifax

Seaside FM started out quietly, with Wayne Harrett and a few friends whispering into the Eastern Passage air on a one-watt radio. Last year, the community station cranked up the volume and broadcast its message across HRM at 1,000 watts.

Well, "cranked" probably isn't the right word for a station beloved for rolling out easy-listening classics. It's also known as the go-to spot for missing-pet information.

"It started as a little hobby," says Harrett, the general manager who had previously spent six years on Halifax's only other community station, Dalhousie University's CKDU.

"People started hearing it and it took off. A hobby turned into a business."

Seaside FM (105.9) is run "99 per cent" by volunteers, including on-air talent such as former CBC broadcasters Frank Cameron and Paul Kennedy and former MLA Wayne Adams. It's been nominated four years in a row as east-coast radio station of the year, says Harrett.

"We have veteran broadcasters who have been in the radio industry for years. When they retire, they come to us," he says. "We also have community members who just come in to do radio."

Seaside now broadcasts 24 hours a day, year-round. Live talent is on the air from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. It can be heard throughout HRM, plus via the internet and digital television.

"We have very loyal station members," says Harrett. "They love what they're doing and the listeners love them."

## Metro Transit looking at expanding route 60

JON TATTIRIE  
for Metro Halifax

Eastern Passage's distance from the downtown core means it's on the edge of Metro Transit services, but plans for more buses, ferries, bridges and tunnels could change that.

Metro Transit is conducting a "strategic operations review" of its entire service, says spokeswoman Lori Patterson. "We're trying to be all things for all people. There are a lot of challenges because we're looking to serve the devel-

opment as it grows outward."

The review will go to council in the next two months and that will determine the future of Metro Transit. It wants to strengthen existing routes as well as expand into new areas. In recent years, it's boosted Eastern Passage's weekday evening service and expanded a route to take in Heritage Hills in peak hours.

"Eastern Passage has grown substantially and the route 60 we have is a core route. It provides 15-minute service during

peak times in both directions," Patterson says. Metro Transit is looking at expanding the service, but it's running near capacity now. Once completed, the new garage in Ragged Lake will add an extra 200 buses, including the 45 articulated buses HRM council just approved.

"Once that's done, we'll be able to look at service deficiencies in existing routes, including Eastern Passage," Patterson says. "The other thing we're looking at is the ferries."

There's no timeline now, but Metro Transit wants to

eventually make the Woodside Ferry an all-day service. That would require two more ferries, so it's dependent on city funding.

The much-talked-about "beach bus" is on Metro Transit's long list, but it wants to get people to work before worrying about the surf.

A third harbour crossing has long been discussed and whether it's a bridge or a tunnel, it would likely start from Woodside.

Steve Snider, CEO of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission, says it made a presentation to city council

in March 2008. Council asked for a staff report, and that's where things stand.

"From our perspective here at the bridge commission, we think that additional cross-harbour capacity is something that's awful expensive and really should be the answer of last resort," he says.

"It would be our focus to work with HRM and the province to encourage people to use transit, to car-pool, more walking and biking," Snider says. "We don't feel that project should be built until it's absolutely necessary."

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## 'It's like its own little city'

RICHARD WOODBURY  
for Metro Halifax



When Eryn O'Neill first moved to Halifax and was living near Point Pleasant Park, a light from across

the water always caught her eye.

"I noticed at night the landscape was quite dark, except this one area that was oddly lit," says the 24-year-old artist now living in Ottawa.

The light she's referring to is the Dartmouth refinery in Eastern Passage.

Soon enough, she was going down to the harbour to look at the cargo cranes, but she always found herself looking across at the refinery.

The refinery eventually became the focus of her final project at NSCAD University, from which she graduated in April 2008. Some of those paintings are currently on display at Argyle Fine Art on Upper Water Street, along with some of her other work.

Growing up in downtown Ottawa, she wasn't used to seeing industrial sites such as a refinery.

"It was something I hadn't really seen before," says O'Neill.

She chose the refinery because she wanted to fo-

cus on something people saw all the time, but something that people could have a new appreciation for.

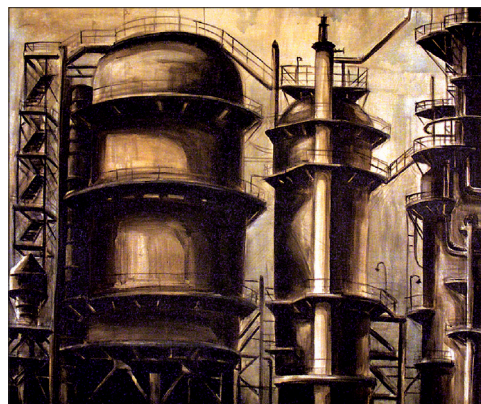
"I wanted to purely pick something that was just so regular, so a part of the landscape," she says.

Part of what made the refinery such a good fit was that it is "so industrial and so functional, not aesthetic at all," says O'Neill. "It became quite a good subject for painting."

She went over and took some photos from outside the refinery itself. O'Neill never sought permission to go inside, as the photos from outside were sufficient.

"I found I could get some really good angles from afar," she says.

O'Neill was even more impressed with how it



"Three", acrylic on canvas, 2008 (48" x 48"), by Eryn O'Neill.

looked up close.

"It's like its own little city in there," she says. "Every time I took a photo, I'd find something new."

O'Neill displayed the work in January 2008 at the Anna Leonowens Gallery at NSCAD.

She says the feedback

was mixed, but mostly positive.

"I see it every day, but I've never seen that way," is how many people reacted, says O'Neill.

Some people from Imperial Oil even came to the showing. They were impressed with her work.

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## Fisherman's Cove a community success

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Located only 20 minutes from downtown Halifax, Fisherman's Cove is a "hidden jewel."

"It's a beautiful spot," says Carolyn Scott, chairperson of the board for Fisherman's Cove. "We're very lucky. It's a hidden jewel in HRM."

Fisherman's Cove is a working fishing harbour with shops and restaurants located in Eastern Passage.

"Plus, you're right here on the ocean," says Scott. "You can walk on the boardwalk, you can walk on the beach, you can watch the fishing boats come in and out. It's almost like a semi-wilderness spot in the middle of the city."

With close to 35 businesses on site, Fisherman's Cove is a community success story.



Fisherman's Cove is a working fishing harbour with shops.

"The bottom fell out of the fishery in the early '90s," says Scott, citing one of the challenges the community faced. Plus, there was downsizing at CFB Shearwater and the closure of the Ultramar refinery led the local unemployment rate to shoot up to more than 20 per cent.

After a lot of community consultation, tourism was seen as the solution and a not for profit board was set up. The existing harbour was redeveloped and re-

named Fisherman's Cove.

"The boost to the economy and to employment in the area has been absolutely enormous," says Scott.

"Most of the businesses were not here and they had arisen because Fisherman's Cove provided this hub and so businesses started developing," she adds.

One of those business success stories is A & M Sea Charters. Owners Albert and Mary Conrod started the business after Albert retired from commercial

fishing in 1995 after 28 years in the industry.

"We've done weddings, funerals, stagettes and stag parties. Whatever you can think about, I'm sure we can work it in," says Mary Conrod.

The company specializes in private charters and can take clients on harbour tours, deep sea fishing, whale watching and shark fishing.

For those interested in shark fishing, Conrod says July, August and September are the best months.

"That's when your water temperature is perfect," says Conrod.

On Saturday, Fisherman's Cove will be holding its first annual Seaside Harvest Festival from noon to 4 p.m. Some of the featured events are pumpkin carving and free boat tours.

"It's going to be so much fun," says Scott.

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# Dog lovers uniting

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Imagine a park in a beautiful coastal community, where you can let your dog off his leash to run and play with other dogs in a wide-open space, all the while sitting comfortably at a picnic table, chatting with other dog-lovers, watching the dogs play and not having to worry that yours will run off and get lost.

This is the vision that local resident Ian Anderson plans to bring to Eastern Passage.

A few months ago Anderson and his Portuguese Water Dog, Sam, came across a park like this while visiting Stratford, P.E.I.

"I could sit at the picnic tables and meet other dog lovers while my dog played," said Anderson. "I



Bernice Turner and her King Charles Spaniel, Snuggles.

found peace and tranquility at the Stratford dog park. Although it's a dog park, it brings a sense of community to the residents of the area. It's a very unique community and I wanted to bring it to Eastern Passage."

The main difference with the Eastern Passage dog park plan and other dog parks in the HRM is that it will be entirely

fenced. It will also have numerous activities for dogs to participate in (such as tunnels and jumps) and access to fresh water. Even though it's an off-leash park, owners must be in complete control of their dogs.

Anderson contacted Jackie Barkhouse, HRM Councillor for District 8, Woodside-Eastern Passage, with the idea.

"It was very interesting," said Barkhouse, a dog lover herself. "I kept thinking how a happy and healthy dog [will] get plenty of exercise and [will get] to socialize here."

Anderson and Barkhouse are now working on getting attention from interested residents of Eastern Passage to help support this dog park mission. If you're interested in joining the steering committee, send an email to ep-dogpark@gmail.com.

## Activities abound

GENEVIEVE MacINTYRE  
for Metro Halifax

Eastern Passage has a lot to offer in terms of activities and events.

"Eastern Passage has so much to offer, and unless you live here, you may not even realize it," said Jackie Barkhouse, HRM District 8 Councillor. "In fact, some people who live here don't even realize it!"

Residents and visitors enjoy visiting the **boardwalk** as well as **Fisherman's Cove**. Here you can enjoy the shops, galleries, and eating establishments and watch the fishing boats come in. From here, you can take a boat ride out to **McNab's Island**, where you can enjoy a picnic or hike the trails on the island.

There are beaches in the Eastern Passage and **Cow Bay** area, which is a popular hot spot for surfers.

The area also hosts a very active soccer league and basketball league.

The **Tallahassee Centre** offers programs for preschoolers, including active play groups, dance class and soccer. Programs for children include cooking classes, crafts, dance, drama, arts and sport. For youth, they offer babysitter's training and yoga. And programs for adults include Nordic Walking workshops and yoga.

On Saturday, Eastern Passage will host the first annual **Seaside Harvest Festival** at Fisherman's Cove.

"It is going to be fantastic," Barkhouse said.



A surfer in Cow Bay.

The festival will include musical entertainment by local artists, including Korean Drum Band, Kim Wempe, The Repercussionists, Steven Bowers, and Telfer. There will also be a Farmers' Market, an art walk, pumpkin carving, story-telling, chartered boat tours and a scavenger hunt.

Most of the activities at the festival will be free to the public, including the boat tours and the pumpkins for the carving contest.

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# Health & Beauty

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## Sleeping with the boss: Can you behave like adults?

**O**K, I know I said a couple weeks ago in the wake of the David Letterman sex scandal that we need to stop caring so much about who politicians and celebrities are sleeping with.

But now it's come out that Jimmy Kimmel may also be having an affair with one of his employees,

### The J Spot

**Josey Vogels**

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I feel the need to address the whole sleeping-with-the-boss issue.

Some say bosses and employees shouldn't mix, end

of story. The inherent power dynamic makes it unfair and unworkable. Others say if two adults consent to a relationship, it's none of our business — let them sort it out.

My feelings lie somewhere in the middle. Given that most of us spend more time at work than out socially, employer-employee romantic relationships will happen no matter what sanctions or rules we put in place to try and stop them.

And let's face it: Older, more experienced people in positions of authority are exciting, especially

when you're young, inexperienced and without much power.

The problem is, things can very quickly go from: "Woohoo, I'm sleeping with the boss; I can do no wrong" to, "It's over, I'm suddenly powerless again — and I still have to be nice to the jerk in order to keep my job."

So, while forbidding employer-employee relationships isn't realistic, these kinds of relationships inherently come with a completely different set of playing cards. And rather than be scandalized by them or try to stop them, I

think it would be far better to admit these relationships happen and educate people about how to handle them responsibly.

For starters, both parties need to be honest about their motivations. As the boss, are you getting involved with an employee just because you wield the power to get away with it? If things don't work out, can you be civil and fair or will you make his/her work life miserable?

As the employee, are you

doing it to get ahead? Are you prepared for the judgment from colleagues who may feel you'll get preferential treatment?

Because unless you're both honest and realistic about the added complications or fallout that almost inevitably result from an employee-employer relationship, you'd better be prepared to fold early in the game.

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### Beauty picks: Dry skin solutions

This is a notoriously bad time of year for skin. You know, it's that transition period when your face begins to lose its summer glow and become dry and scaly. I've had occasion lately to test out dry-skin antidotes: After four fashion weeks of little sleep and radically different climates, I came back home feeling rather dry and scaly. So I had to drastically change my skin regimen. In addition to guzzling umpteen bottles of water, I've started using these dry-skin products:

**Estée Lauder Hydra Complete**  
The brand claims that its vitamin B-derived Hydra-Insulation technology helps your skin immediately adjust to temperature and climate changes. Since I've started using it, my face feels hydrat-



ed and non-greasy in such a way that I don't think about my face at all (no afternoon checks in the mirror to see if I'm looking oily or scaly). And that's really what we all want at the end of the day, right?

**Kiehl's Lip Balm**  
I generally switch between Rosebud Salve and Kiehl's Lip Balm depending on the season. Kiehl's, which is a bit heavier, has sorted out my post-



fashion week dehydration ills lovely. I've even started putting on a light coat of the balm before bedtime.

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This green eye cream has a range of natural ingredients including rice bran oil (counteracts damage from UV rays), ivy extract (helps smooth out fine lines) and a blend of jojoba leaf and willowherb (reduces redness and puffiness). The area under my eyes is no longer looking scaly. So I'm happy — though it's impossible for me to know if that's because of the eye cream or if it's because I'm getting more sleep now.

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Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay has described it as the best restaurant in Canada. Now home cooks can try to replicate what Ramsay describes as the "divine" food at Araxi, in Whistler, B.C., with the help of new cookbook *Araxi* by the restaurant's executive chef, James Walt. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Food

**The Slow Cooker Collection, the newest book from the Canadian Living kitchen, has arrived. It's well stocked with family-pleasing everyday favourites and dishes that take the fuss out of entertaining. See recipe below for a first taste.**

CANADIAN LIVING



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Canadian Living magazine is on sale now!

**Canadian Living recipe of the month**

## From chilis to curries, take it slow

**There's a love affair between Canadians and their slow cookers. I've heard them called everything from a "lifesaver" to a "marriage saver."**

While I'm not sure I'd go quite that far, the slow cooker certainly has earned a spot in a growing number of kitchens. Bubbling away on the counter, it delivers reliably delicious braised and pot roasted dishes, sustaining soups, chilis, curries and pasta sauces, vegetables and much more. It even makes drinks, comfy desserts, dips and spreads.

**Chicken Squash Curry**

MAKES 4 SERVINGS

PREP TIME: 8 MINUTES



Chicken Squash Curry, a recipe from The Slow Cooker Collection by Canadian Living.

**COOK TIME: 26 MINUTES****INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 lb (500 g) boneless

skinless chicken thighs, cubed

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 hot green peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed

seeded peeled butternut squash (about 1 lb/500 g)

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) mild Indian curry paste
- 1 can (28 oz/796 ml) diced tomatoes

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For more Tested-Till-Perfect recipes, visit [canadianliving.com](http://canadianliving.com)



- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander

**METHOD:**

In Dutch oven, heat half of the oil over medium-high heat; brown chicken. Remove to plate.

In same Dutch oven, heat remaining oil over medium heat; cook onion and hot peppers, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add squash and curry paste; cook, stirring, until

fragrant, about 1 minute. Add tomatoes and bring to boil, scraping up brown bits. Return chicken and any juices to pan. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until squash is tender, about 20 minutes. Sprinkle with coriander.

**On the web****Columnist:**

• Peter Rockwell gets inspired by the new memoir *Corked*. To read this week's Liquid Assets column, visit [metronews.ca/liquidassets](http://metronews.ca/liquidassets)



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# Entertainment

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## Kanye acts

We Were Once a Fairytale, a short film directed by Spike Jonze and starring Kanye West, was released yesterday. The movie shows West walking around a club while one of his songs plays in the background. [POPEATER.COM](http://POPEATER.COM)



## A day in the life of

### Supermodel Rocha claims she's just a normal working girl

ELISABETH BRAW  
for Metro Canada



#### Coco Rocha is the woman every girl dreams of becoming.

She's one of the world's top-earning supermodels. She's modeled for fashion houses like Marc Jacobs, Versace, Prada, Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Dolce & Gabbana. She's been cover girl for Harper's Bazaar and W.

Did we mention she's only 21? Rocha, born Mikhaila Rocha in Vancouver, was discovered by a talent scout at age 14. She's the co-producer, with fashion website Modelinia.com, of She's a

Genius, a new music video celebrating fashion that's set to JET's song with the same name from their just-released album Shaka Rock.

**Q** She's A Genius shows a day in your life. What's a day in your life really like?

**A** I leave for work, take pictures, and go back home. It's not that glamorous. Sometimes I go to movies or go out for dinner. It's the life of a normal working girl.

**Q** What does it take to become a supermodel?

**A** You just have to be yourself. A lot of girls can't say no, but the most successful models are the ones who stick to their values. Many up-and-coming photographers put a lot of pressure on models, but more experienced photographers don't.

**Q** Backstage photos usually show models smoking. How do you pass the time backstage?

**A** I read books. I'm an old romantic type; I read books like (Jane Austen's) Sense and Sensibility. Right now I'm reading The History of Love.

**Q** What is models' unhealthiest habit?

**A** I don't like to comment on other people's habits. But smoking doesn't make you any more successful in this business. Neither does not eating.

**Q** How do you stay in shape?

**A** I eat a lot of fruit and salads. I have a dancer's body, which is more muscular, I have to be especially careful with what I eat before shows. Muscles don't look good on photos. You just look fat.



At just 21-years-old, supermodel Coco Rocha is one of the world's top-earning fashion models.

**Q** Advice to young girls?

**A** If you don't love it, don't do it. Stick to your moral values. People will respect you, and

you will respect yourself. Don't look at magazine covers and say "I want to look like her."... People don't realize how much editing goes into fashion photos.

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DVD picks

**Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen**

Director: **Michael Bay**

**MICHAEL BAY'S** second Transformers saga delivers full-on "Bay-ism" like a brick to the forehead, with some tender love on the side, making this either the biggest blockbuster of summer '09 or history's loudest romance.

Watching this movie is akin to lying on the tarmac at Pearson International while a revving Airbus A380 rolls over you. A decoder wheel might have been helpful, since there are almost too many characters and too much plot in this film.

The relatively modest (by Bay standards) battle of the first Transformers is now all-out robot rum-pus, with many more lo-

cations and a cast of clankers that will likely befuddle anyone who doesn't have a propeller attached to his beanie.

Optimus Prime, the 18-wheeler with a major Christ complex, still leads the good alien Autobots. But he's sidelined for much of the movie by a U.S. national security drone (John Benjamin Hickey) who represents Obama but acts like Bush.

Optimus is still trying to convince his erstwhile earthling pal Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) to assist him in saving the universe, but Sam has other things on his mind: he's heading East to attend college and he's trying to get up the nerve to tell his girlfriend Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox) that he loves her.

The multitudinous DVD extras include a commentary by Michael Bay, Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman, numerous featurettes, a history of Transformers and, for the Blu-ray, a doc called "Giant Effing Movie" that pretty much says it all.

**Whatever Works**

Director: **Woody Allen**

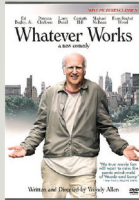
**THE WORLD** makes no sense, even for a self-proclaimed genius like Boris Yell-nikoff (Larry David). He admits he's no expert, though, because he bungled his own suicide.

If you don't see the humour, you're not likely to get Woody Allen's latest, his return to Manhattan after several years cinematically touring England and Spain.

A little sour lemon goes a long way, and Whatever Works threatens at first to choke on its own cynicism. Then Boris meets Melody (Evan Rachel Wood), a sweet but dumb-as-dirt runaway looking for a fresh start in New York.

As per usual with a Woody Allen DVD, there are no extras.

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**critics' corner—**

**Jeff Dunham: Arguing With Myself**

If you thought ventriloquism went out with "The Ed Sullivan Show," you haven't caught Jeff Dunham's act. And you should. He's a very 21st-century ventriloquist with a stable of "partners" that includes Bubba J, the ultimate NASCAR fanatic, and Sweet Daddy Dee, the manager with the mostest — street smarts, that is. Those who are already fans will be glad to know that Peanut, Walter and Jose Jalapeno are still around. 11 PM on COMEDY



**Being Erica**

Couldn't we all use one of these — a chance to relive a bad day and try to get it right? In this new episode, that's just what Dr. Tom (Michael Riley) gives Erica (Erin Karpluk) — a consequence-free do-over day. She has the time of her life, but she soon comes to realize that there's a reason choices should have consequences. 9 PM on CBC

**the forgotten**

In the new episode "River John," the team's latest victim is found in a drainage tunnel, dead from a gunshot wound. Complicating the case — as if they weren't all complicated — is evidence indicating the victim might have been searching for someone when he was killed. And the victim's resonates on a very personal level with Alex (Christian Slater). 11:01 PM on ABC





Jennifer Love Hewitt and Jamie Kennedy aren't breaking up, despite a recent report that suggested Kennedy was still hung up on former flame, Shannon Funk. "I'm not going to lie — it's not annoying, it's hurtful," Hewitt told People about the rumours. **POPEATER.COM**

**What's hurting Jen?**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Mayer denies kiss at gay bar

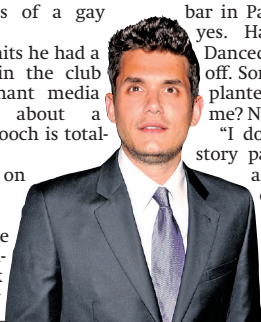
**SMOOCH CENTRAL** John Mayer has dismissed rumours he fled a gay club after a partygoer planted a kiss on his lips — insisting he "had a blast" and found the crowd "respectful," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who has dated stars including Jennifer Aniston and Jessica Simpson, enjoyed a night out at Toucan's Tiki Lounge in Palm Springs, California last weekend but was hit

with reports of a gay kiss.

Mayer admits he had a great time in the club but is adamant media speculation about a same-sex smooch is totally untrue.

In a post on his Twitter.com page, he writes, "Rumour check went to gay



bar in Palm Springs, yes. Had a blast. Danced my face off. Someone there planted a kiss on me? No.

"I don't like the story painting gays as unable to control themselves. Found the crowd even more respectful

than in a straight club. You know who the most flamboyant crowd is? Straight, drunk girls. They're like a bunch of little Charles Nelson Reillys."

Mayer was previously forced to deny sharing a kiss with celebrity blogger Perez Hilton at a New Year's Eve party in New York in 2007, after the gossip king claimed to have smooched him at the bash.

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# Beyoncé duet with Lady Gaga a hush-hush affair

**DOUBLE DIVA** Beyoncé is set for another major musical collaboration — she's working on a secret project with Lady Gaga, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

After teaming up with Shakira and husband Jay-Z on records, and Tina Turner and Prince onstage, the Single Ladies star is set to test her

fanbase with a Gaga diva duet on her upcoming single Video Phone.

The pop stars were spotted shooting a video for the song in a New York studio together last week and all those involved in the secret get together were instructed to keep details under wraps.

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# Clooney's love life like anyone else's

**JUST ANOTHER GUY** Despite his high profile and list of glamorous ex-girlfriends, George Clooney insists he's just like anyone else when it comes to relationships.

"I don't think my experiences are any different than anybody else's, they've just been amplified a little more," he tells the Mirror.



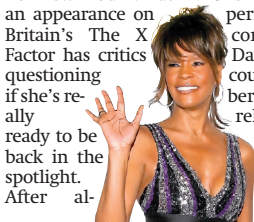
had some absolutely great relationships and some not so great relationships. I've been in some relationships where I've felt terribly alone. Just because you're with someone, it doesn't mean you're incredibly happy and complete."

And just like anyone else, he says, he's had his share of breakups.

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# New signs of trouble

**THE SLIDE BEGINS?** Whitney Houston's comeback bid seemed to be off to a great start after her appearance on Oprah to promote her new album. But an appearance on Britain's The X Factor has critics questioning if she's really ready to be back in the spotlight. After al-



most suffering a wardrobe malfunction when a strap on the back of her dress popped off during her number, Houston seemed out of breath after her performance, according to the Daily Mail, and couldn't remember the British release date for her new album.

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# Paris rider rumour untrue, rep says

**ALL SHE WANTS** Paris Hilton has landed a new film role — and is reportedly causing a commotion with her contract. "Paris has a cameo role in the movie, where she plays herself. It is all being kept very hush-hush," a source tells Page Six.

"But the producers were shocked when her team handed them a three-page list of demands — including live lobsters to be prepared fresh when she's ready to eat and a bottle of Grey Goose vodka — all for just one day on the set."

Hilton's rep denies the story, saying, "This is totally ridiculous and untrue."

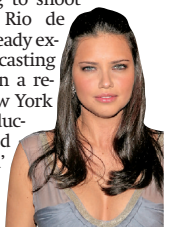
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# Allen wants Lima in movie

**A MODEL FOR WOODY** With his penchant for casting beautiful women in his movies, it's no surprise Woody Allen has his sights set now on Adriana Lima. The director is planning to shoot his next film in Rio de Janeiro, and he's already expressed interest in casting supermodel Lima. In a recent meeting in New York with Brazilian producers, Allen confessed that he is 'fascinated' by her beauty.

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## Celebrity tweets

Marlee Matlin is having trouble with subtitles, Jamie Kennedy has some trouble with young eaters and Spencer Pratt sees opportunity in current events.

• @MarleeMatlin

I'm going to be like my pal Lou Ferrigno and go all Hulk on Netflix. No captions on a doc about the Deaf? OUTRAGEOUS! MAKE NOISE!

• @jamiakennedy

kids shouldn't be

allowed to eat in public, until they learn to not throw donuts

• @spencerpratt

these balloon boy parents should have just waited one more month to buy SPEIDI - HOW TO BE FAMOUS BOOK! try to get fame without is dangerous



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# Levi's workout bad news for wildlife

**MOOSE FOR MUSCLE** How does Levi Johnston keep to the high-protein diet he needs to prepare for his upcoming Playgirl photo shoot? With a rifle, people.com reports.

"Moose meat is very good for you, high in protein and very lean," his trainer, Marvin Jones, tells People. "He's an avid hunter, so he has his own."

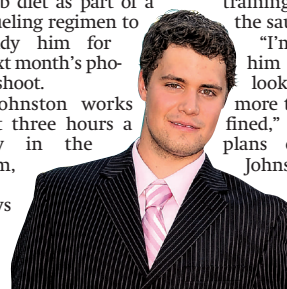
The 19-year-old father of former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's grandchild has

adopted a 3,500-calorie low-carb diet as part of a grueling regimen to ready him for next month's photo shoot.

Johnston works out three hours a day in the gym, six days a

week, followed by cardio training and then a rest in the sauna, says Jones.

"I'm not trying to give him a body builder's look. He's going to be more toned and more defined," says Jones, 46, who plans on training with Johnston until the first or second week of November.



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# Perfume drama? Smells like LiLo

**BLAME IT ON CAKE** Lindsay Lohan caused a ruckus recently at the launch party for Victoria's Secret's new fragrance line, mistaking a cake in the shape of a perfume bottle for an actual giant perfume bottle, sources tell Page Six.

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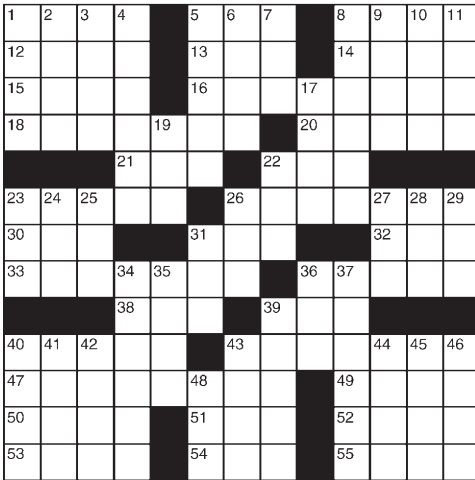






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## Take Five



### ACROSS

1 Help in wrong-doing  
5 Resort  
8 Put together  
12 Exceptional  
13 Greek cross  
14 Acknowledge  
15 Dogged determination  
16 Make clutter-free  
18 Grove  
20 Mississippi, e.g.  
21 Antlered animal  
22 Have a bug  
23 Yonder  
26 Disney World site  
30 Symbol of intrigue  
31 Shade tree  
32 "Alley—"   
33 Circled the Earth  
36 Criticizes cleverly  
38 Solidify  
39 Cod piece?  
40 Nary a soul

43 Husband of Eurydice  
47 Plain  
49 Wheelbase terminus  
50 Glaswegian, for one  
51 Work with  
52 Queue  
53 Maneuverable, to an old salt  
54 In favour of  
55 Airport schedule data (Abbr.)

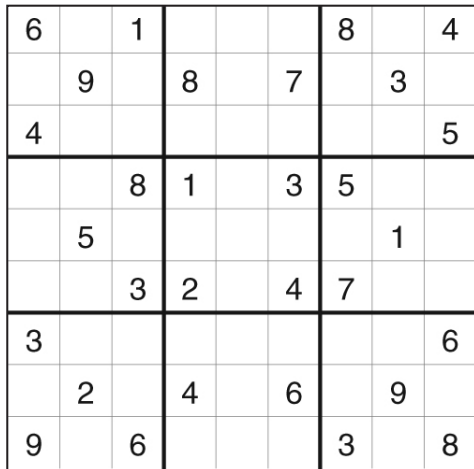
### DOWN

1 Jason's ship  
2 Roseanne of comedy  
3 Leif's father  
4 Leash  
5 Baby bird?  
6 Crony, out West  
7 Summertime abbr.  
8 Envelope material  
9 Tel —  
10 Take a nap  
11 Basin accessory  
17 Seed covering  
19 Pub order  
22 Branch  
23 Pair  
24 That girl  
25 Recede  
26 Antiquated  
27 "Smoking or —?"  
28 Pooch  
29 Chances, for short  
31 Slithery swimmer  
34 Set afire  
35 Adolescent  
36 Energy  
37 Admit oxygen  
39 Deep-fat device  
40 Inquisitive  
41 Killer whale  
42 Smell  
43 Approximately  
44 Way out  
45 Radius' neighbour  
46 Witnesses  
48 "— Wiedersehen"

### Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



4	9	7	6	5	2	1	8	3
1	3	2	9	7	8	5	4	6
8	5	6	3	1	4	2	7	9
7	8	5	1	9	6	4	3	2
2	6	4	8	3	5	7	9	1
9	1	3	4	2	7	8	6	5
6	7	1	5	4	9	3	2	8
5	2	9	7	8	3	6	1	4
3	4	8	2	6	1	9	5	7

### On the web

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### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Southwestern Corn Chowder

#### INGREDIENTS:

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 3/4-in. (2 cm) cubes  
1 medium onion, cut into thin wedges  
1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil  
2 tsp (10 ml) ground cumin  
2 cans (14 oz./398 ml each) chicken broth  
1 package (10 oz./300 g) frozen corn  
3/4 cup (175 ml) picante sauce  
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped sweet red pepper  
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped green pepper  
2 tbsp (25 ml) minced fresh cilantro  
2 tbsp (25 ml) cornstarch  
2 tbsp (25 ml) water  
Shredded Monterey Jack cheese

#### METHOD:

1. In 3-qt. (3 l) pot, cook chicken and onion in oil until chicken juices run clear. Stir in cumin. Add broth, corn and picante sauce; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in peppers and cilantro.  
2. Combine cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into soup. Bring to boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Spoon into bowls; top with cheese.

#### SERVES 7

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#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



There may be challenges aplenty in your life but the planets indicate that you need to pick your challenges carefully.

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



The pace of life may not be so hectic physically now but your mind is moving faster than ever.

#### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



Try not to make decisions for others today because no matter how well intentioned they may be they won't be appreciated.

#### SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



Something happened recently that looked like a setback, but now you can see it makes very little difference to your long-term plans.

#### GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



Someone you meet socially will open your mind to new possibilities. One little shove will take you off on a brand new adventure.

#### SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



Have faith in your own ideas even if they turn people against you: It is inevitable when coming up with new ways of looking at the world.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



You need to balance your desires with a large dose of common sense. The planets warn you could easily be fooled today.

#### CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



If you want to make a name for yourself now is the time to stop thinking and start doing those things that will get you noticed.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



You should know by now that the best way to help yourself is to help others and what happens next will provide you with opportunities.

#### AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



Today's Mercury-Jupiter link-up gives you a huge advantage in that it helps you see things way ahead of everyone else.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



Did something go wrong for a particular reason? Or was it just one of those things that no amount of preparing and planning could prevent?

#### PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



You are too close to a situation emotionally to be able to take a rational view of how what needs to be done to make it go better.

### This day in history

1818: The Convention of 1818 signed between the United States and the United Kingdom which, among other things, settled the Canada — United States border on the 49th parallel for most of its length.

1944: The Soviet Army and Yugoslav Partisans liberate Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia.

1947: The House Un-American Activities Committee begins its investigation into Communist infiltration of Hollywood, resulting in a blacklist that prevents some from working in the industry.

1968: Former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy marries Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis.

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(including service charges): \$238

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All-Inclusive • Standard rm.  
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Taxes & other fees  
(including service charges): \$264

### DEAL to EUROPE

**London**  
Hotel Ibis London  
Earls Court • 3 ★  
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Standard rm. special  
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